As per the Greenfield Airport Policy, the proposal for setting up of Greenfield Airports are also received from the promoters from time-to-time and considered by a Steering Committee for 'in-principle' approval. After the announcement of Greenfield Airport Policy, 'in principle' approval has been given for the establishment of 12 airports for public use namely Mopa (Goa), Navi Mumbai, Sindhudurg (Maharashtra), Kannur (Kerala), Bijapur, Simoga, Hassan, Gulbarga (Karnataka), Dabra Airport, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Durga Pur (West Bengal).

The cost, location, completion schedule, etc. of such proposals are project specific, the firmed up details of which are furnished by the promoters on finalization of Detailed Project Report.

Difference in airfares from Gulf countries to India

448. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast difference in the fares of air travel from the Gulf countries to various cities in India and in Kerala;

(b) the basis on which the airfares are worked out; and

(c) what are the reasons for the difference in the fares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government does not regulate airline fares. It is for the airlines themselves to decide fares as per their revenue management and competition with the other airlines operating on a particular route and having regard to all relevant factors including their cost of operations, characteristics and level of service etc.

Increase in the share capital of AAI

†449. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted to increase the share capital of Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the sectors wherein this amount will be utilized by AAI for the benefits of the activities of the company and welfare of its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Airport at Kota, Rajasthan

†450. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.